

REMARKS

The Office issued a Notice of Allowance in this matter on February 18, 2010. In that Notice of Allowance, the Office allowed all of pending claims 1-49, including claims 8, 9, and 27-48, which had previously been withdrawn from prosecution. Applicants submitted a request for continued examination and supplemental information disclosure statement on May 18, 2010.

Applicants submit herewith an amendment to the claims to place the claims in condition for further consideration by the Office.

Applicants propose amending claim 8, which presently recites a “method,” to more explicitly recite that the method is “computer-implemented.”

Applicants propose amending claim 9, which presently recites a “method,” to more explicitly recite that the method is “computer-implemented.”

Applicants propose amending claim 24 to correct for antecedent basis.

Applicants propose amending claim 27 and dependent claims 28-48, which presently recite a “method,” to more explicitly recite that the method is “computer-implemented.”

Applicants propose adding claims 50 through 71 to be dependent upon independent claim 10. The language of claims 50 through 71 parallels the language in existing claims 2 through 7 and 11 through 26. As these proposed claims depend from claim 10, which the Office has indicated is allowable, and parallel allowed claims 2 through 7 and 11 through 26, it is respectfully submitted that the proposed dependent claims are also allowable.

Applicants propose adding independent claim 72 which is directed to a computer readable medium with instructions for performing operations. The language describing the operations parallel the language describing the method steps of existing claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit that because the proposed new independent claim parallels the language of allowed claim 1, claim 72 is also allowable.

Applicants propose adding claim 73 which is directed to a system for formulating searches for financial instruments. The language used in claim 73 parallels language used in existing claim 8. Applicants propose adding dependent claims 74-89. The language used in proposed claims 74 through 89 parallels the language in existing claims 29-44. Applicants propose adding claim 90 which is directed to a computer readable medium that has

instructions for performing operations that are defined using language that parallels the language of existing claim 8.

Applicants propose adding claim 91 which is directed to a system for processing trades. The language used in claim 91 parallels language used in existing claim 9. Applicants propose adding dependent claims 92-94. The language used in proposed claims 92-94, which depend from claim 91, parallels the language in existing claims 45-47. Applicants propose adding claim 95 which is directed to a computer readable medium that has instructions for performing operations that are defined using language that parallels the language of existing claim 9.

Applicants propose adding claim 96 which is directed to a system for processing trades. The language used in claim 96 parallels language used in existing claim 27. Also, language used in proposed claims 97-98, which depend from claim 96, parallels the language in existing claims 28 and 48. Applicants propose adding claim 99 which is directed to a computer readable medium that has instructions for performing operations that are defined using language that parallels the language of existing claim 27.

CONCLUSION

The undersigned respectfully submits that pending claims are allowable and the application in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Examiner Felten is invited to call the undersigned in the event a telephone interview will advance prosecution of this application.

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